Page 21, after page 4, insert – A computer-usable medium having computer-readable

program code embodied therein for causing a computer system to perform a method of

error protection --;

Allowable Subject Matter

2.   Claims 1, 3-8, 9, 11-16, 17, 19-24 are allowed.

3.   The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject

matter:

Claims 1, 9, 17 are allowed. Takebe (5257517) discloses when errors frequently

take place at a plurality of different locations, issuance of the operation's instruction

causes the error display contents to be held (col. 4, lines 55-56); comprising: Realizing

data error during communication (col. 5, lines 25-28, when such a data frame signal

containing the actuator control data DO as shown in FIG. 5(a) is sent from the main

controller 100 to the node 10-1, the data frame signal is sequentially propagated from

the node 10-1 via the nodes 10-2, 10-3, 10-4 and to the node 10-5, which results in that

the actuator control data DO in the data frame signal are allocated to the corresponding

nodes and at the same time the detection data of the sensor group obtained at the

respective nodes are taken into the data frame signal); Providing an error indicator at

said link when said data error is detected (col. 5, lines 35-45, An error detecting circuit

35 receives the bit Ea in an error signal ERR (refer to FIG. 6) attached to the end of the

data frame signal and indicative of the presence or absence of an error and a code

CRC in the data frame signal, judges "1" or "0" in the bit Ea to detect the presence or